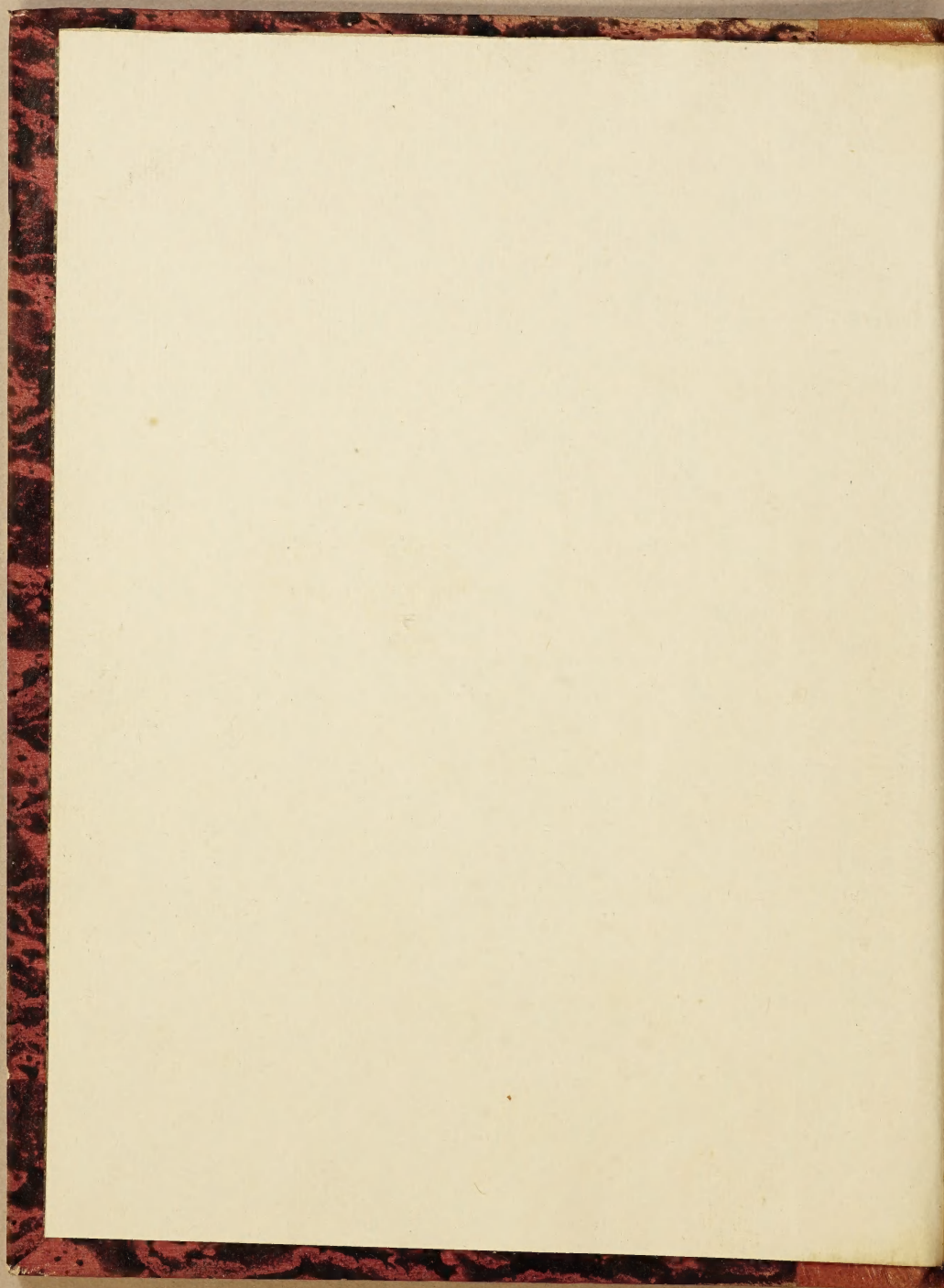
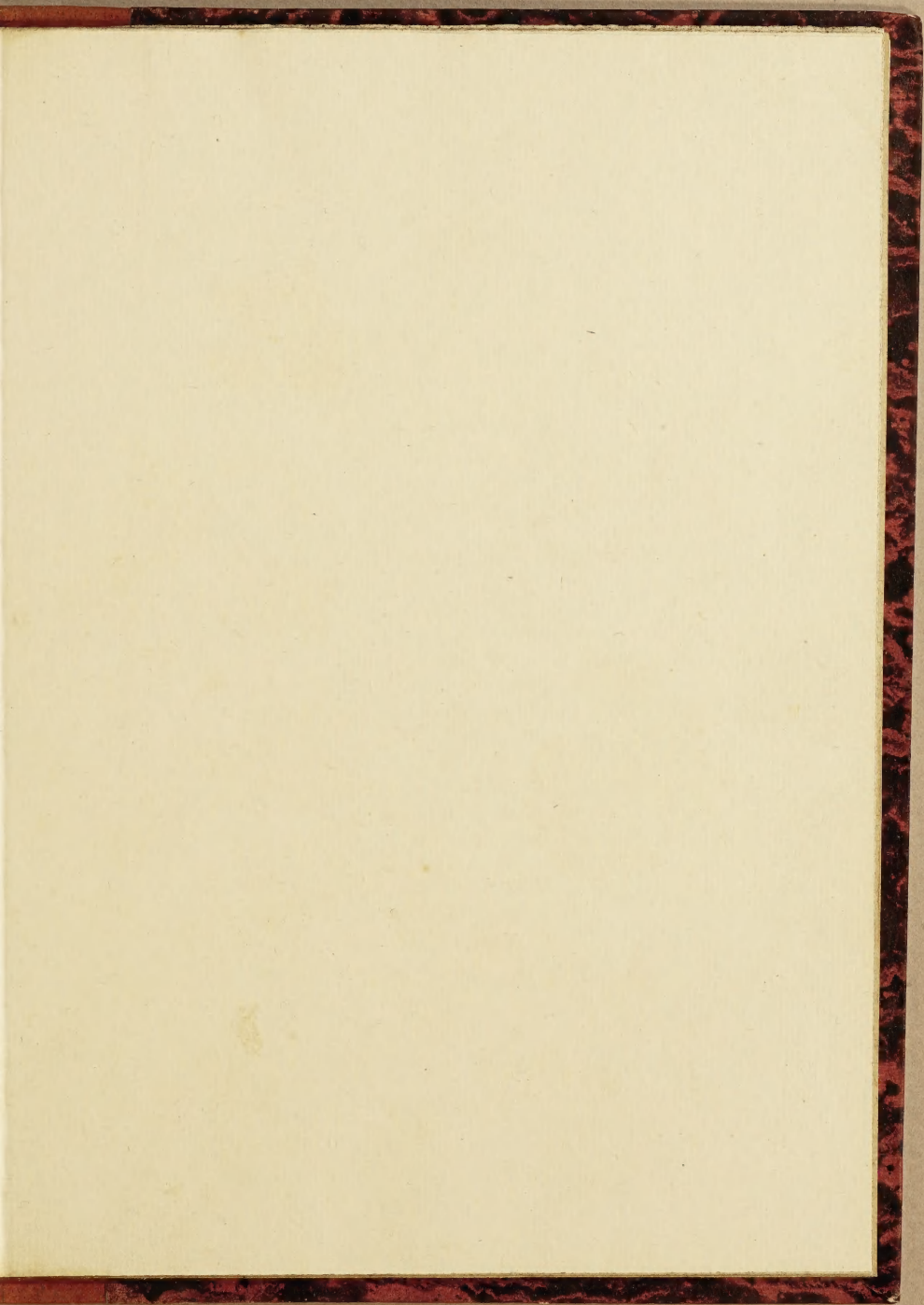
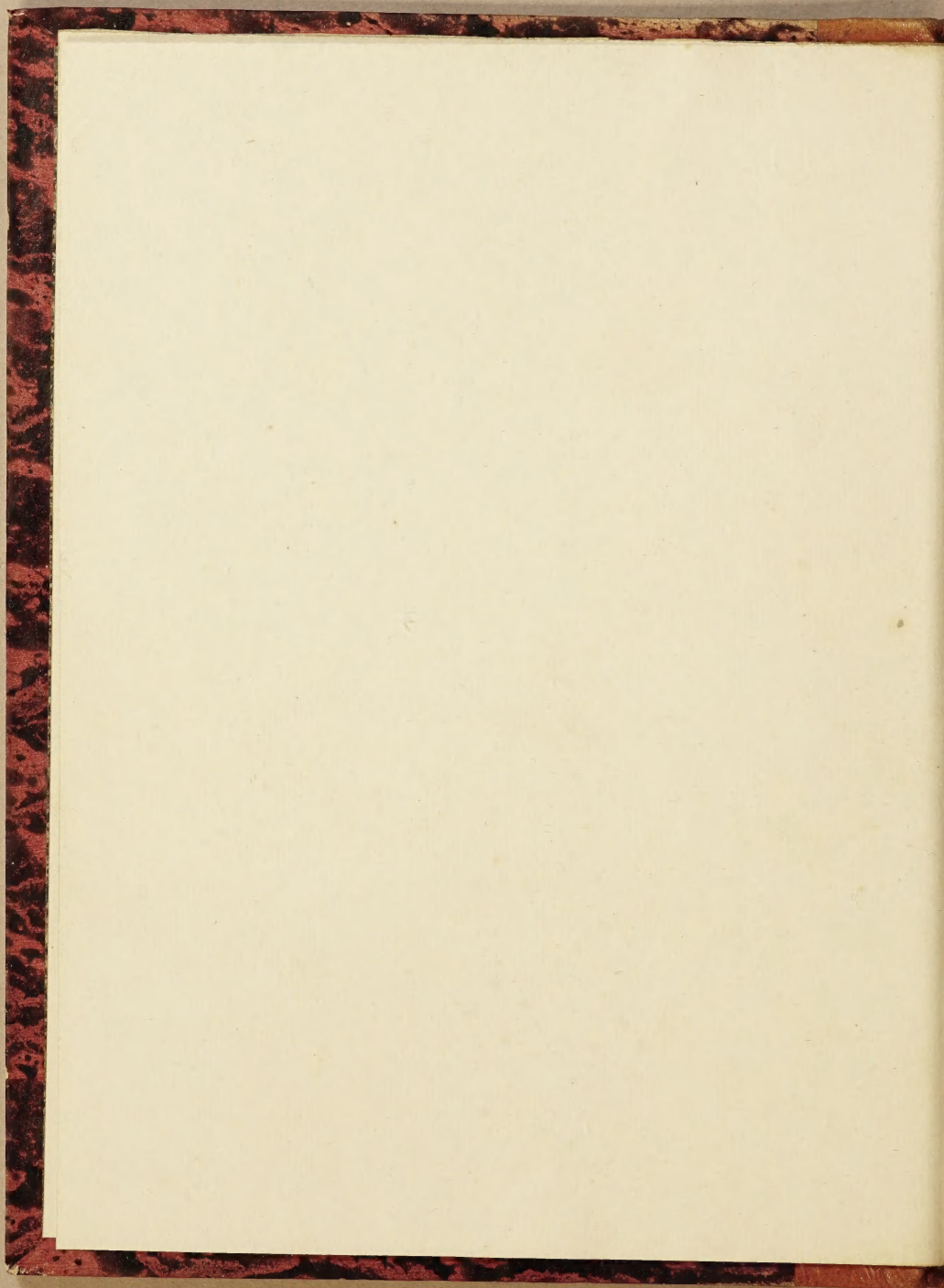


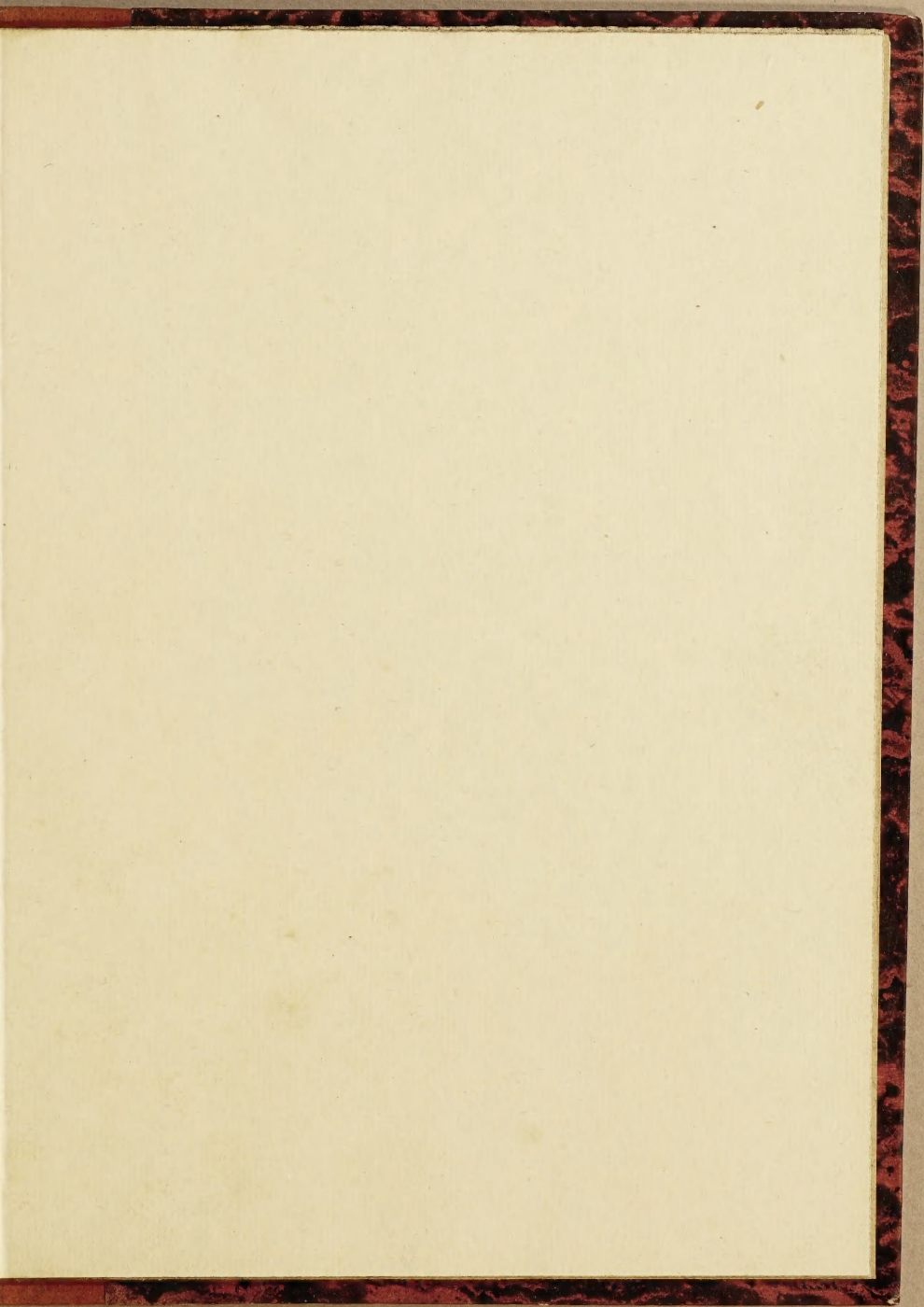
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Right Honourable,


 Ince my last to Your Honour, the First of *October* last, I have had intelligence, that the Galleons with Plate, I then mentioned to be at *Cartagena*, bound for *Spain*, were cast away by a *Hirecane*; and as an evident token thereof, the *Burmudans*, our Informants, being in a small Shallop, brought in hither about Twenty thousand pieces of *Eight*, which they had taken in the Rack. And according to my former to the Committee for *Jamaica*, having by a Prisoner notice, that about Five hundred of the Enemy were landed here, and that the Governour *Don Christopher Arnaldo Sasser* was fortifying himself at *St. Anne*, about Thirty five miles from us, I was resolved to give him time to fortifie so much, that he might think himself secure enough to stand us, (that we might not perpetually be put to the toyl of hunting them in the Woods) and yet so that he might not be able to give us any strong resistance: which accordingly being done, I sent a Party of Stout, Well and Willing men, under the command of Major *Richard Steevens*, to whom about Sixty of our Officers joyned, Volunteers, ex-
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ceedingly desirous of action (after so long a cessation) who advanced to the place, very strongly situated on a Rock: as soon as the Enemies Centinels discovered them, they threw down their Arms, gave the Allarm to the Governour, who with the rest fled to the Woods, leaving behinde them all their Arms and Ammunition: so, finding the vanity of following them in the Woods and Mountains, we left them.

Before our Party came in, our Ships brought in a *Portugal* running in to *Cuba*, who examined, told me that there were Five hundred landed about the middle of *July*, that they had marched up the Countrey, and finding the scarcity of provisions, (contrary to what was told them) were almost starved, had endeavoured to mutiny; and that about Three hundred of them were by the *Spanish* Commanders returned to a place called the *Chareras*, in the *North*, over against *Cuba*, where they first landed, where was their Magazine, and Provisions, and more men and Provisions dayly expected, where likewise they were fortified and received their relief, which he had Twice carried them.

Upon this intelligence, I met the Party coming home, and dismissing about a hundred to their Plantations, (which wanted them) I shipped the rest under the same command, on Board the *Indian*, and went my self with them for the better carrying on and expediting the business.

The 24 of *October* we set Sail from *Cagway-point*, and the 30 stood over against the place. Early in the morning we spied a Sail from *Cuba*, running

ing in to the place we were bound for, who had come with relief, but told them he could not unlade himself, because he saw Ships at Sea. Our Party landed Six miles below the place intended, there being no place nearer, and marcht on, who ere they had marched Two miles, were saluted with a round Volley out of a Wood, at which ours, prepared for before by their Orders, never made stand, but fired in boldly at the Ambuscado, in which the Enemy had Four wounded, we One; the Captain with the rest made hast to their Fort, and ours so fast after them, that onely the Captain, and Four of forty could get in.

Our Party found them very well prepared with Matches lighted in the Stockadoes, (for that is the manner of their fortification, with great Trees and Flankers) ours leaving a Third for a reserve, without any gradual approaches, presently ran up to their Work, and with their Musquets possess as much advantage, as the Enemy, (the Work being not at all Lined) between whom for the space of near Three quarters of an hour, was a stiff dispute, till some of ours with the help of Hatchets, (which they were ordered to carry) made a Breach, and entred; as soon as the Enemy saw that, they betook themselves to run over the Rocks, leaping into the Sea, and shifting for themselves (though the Officers endeavoured to rally them) yet made not such hast, but that they left One hundred and twenty, or thereabouts dead on the place, and many wounded, amongst whom were most of the Officers; the *Mastre del Campe Don Francis De*

Prencia,

Prencia, by means of a Prisoner of ours, whom he kept by him, got quarter, and some others whom we found in the Rocks, (whom though we had received barbarous usage from them) we could not kill in cool blood.

We took here Thirty three Barrels of Powder, with Match and Bullet proportionable, and good store of Bread and Salt, and likewise their Musters, their Commissaries book; which Powder, and what we took before from the Governour, within less then Two Barrels did ballance the Commissaries Accompt, so that they were wholly deprived of that: And that which did more indear our Success; we had onely Four men killed, and about Ten wounded, some whereof I have sent home, and humbly and earnestly desire they may be provided for.

After I had refresht the men, I put them aboard again, and with small Parties in several little Boats, Scoured all the Coast, and left them that fled neither Boats not time to get away; since which time some are come in to us almost starved. The *Negroes*, formerly their Slaves, using them roughly, and denying them Provisions, so that I saw a Letter from *Don Francis de Liva*, the Deputy-Governour, to one of his former Slaves, wofully bemoaning the condition of his Majesties Infantry, and giving him the Title of Worship at every word: to such a necessity are they reduced, and we have not been idle to pursue them in all quarters, though we now lie still for want of Shooes, if there should any more of the Enemy come, which

which we have reason to expect ; for that I finde by Letters, that the Governour of *Cuba*, *Don Peter de Bayona*, being an old Souldier in *Italy*, doth not onely heartily solícite it, but makes a great benefit by it, having received money from the *Vice Roy*, for the payment of Three Moneths to the Souldiers, according to their Kings expresse command, whereof they never received any ; and since that, hath received Twenty thousand pieces of *Eight* from the *Vice Roy* for levying more men. I shall not fail in my endeavours to prepare for their coming, and doubt not, but that the King of *Spains* lessening his Garrisons, may in time produce good effect to our Nation.

I have sent the *Maistre del Campe*, the Colours, some Paper and Letters ; he is the onely man hereabouts, and hath chiefly advised in this relief, and therefore I hope shall not be released till we are better settled. I had almost forgot to acquaint your Honour, that the Enemy at their first coming, sent a Lieutenant, and two more, to scatter Papers amongst our Souldiers ; signifying, that who would come to them, should have fair quarter and transport ; who being met withall by some of our Hunters, were all kil'd, and so that hopefull design of theirs had no effect : And that the Governour of *Porto Rico*, having set One hundred men to demand some *English*, living in new *Iurtola*, a Colony of the *Dutch*, being refused to have them delivered up, was in his return cast away by the *Hericane*, one onely *Malatto* escaped. The King of *Spains* Affairs do very much fail in these parts,
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and his Trade is almost brought to nothing, by the many Private Men of War of *English* and *French*, and ours are still abroad to annoy them.

All I have more is, onely to intreat your Honour, and all our Friends with us, to magnifie the goodness of God, who hath given yet by his glimmering, some hopes, that he altogether hath not forgotten us, but doth, and will at length continue to own his Servants, who trust in him, and to subscribe my self,

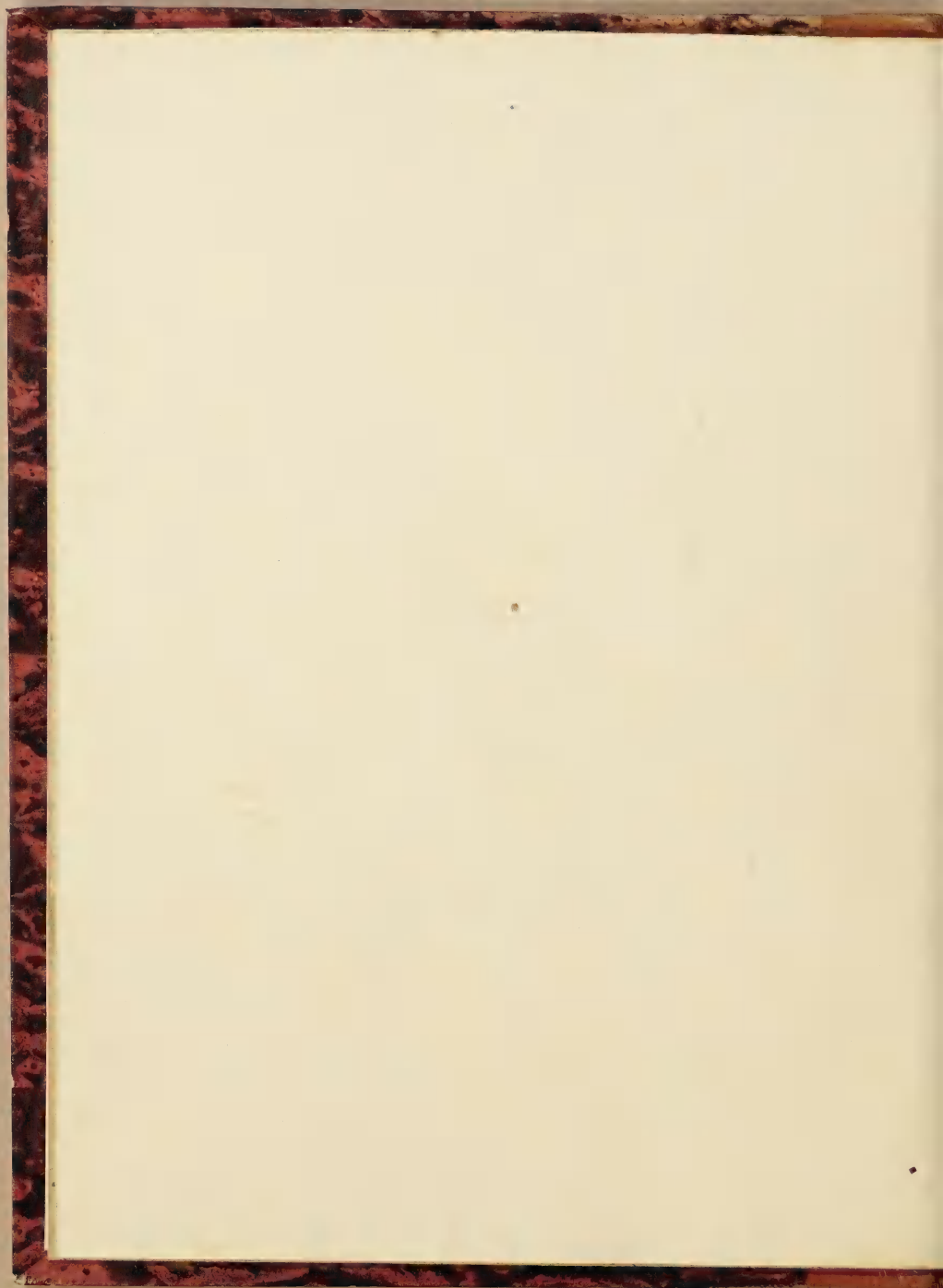
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Your most Obedient and
Faithfull Servant;

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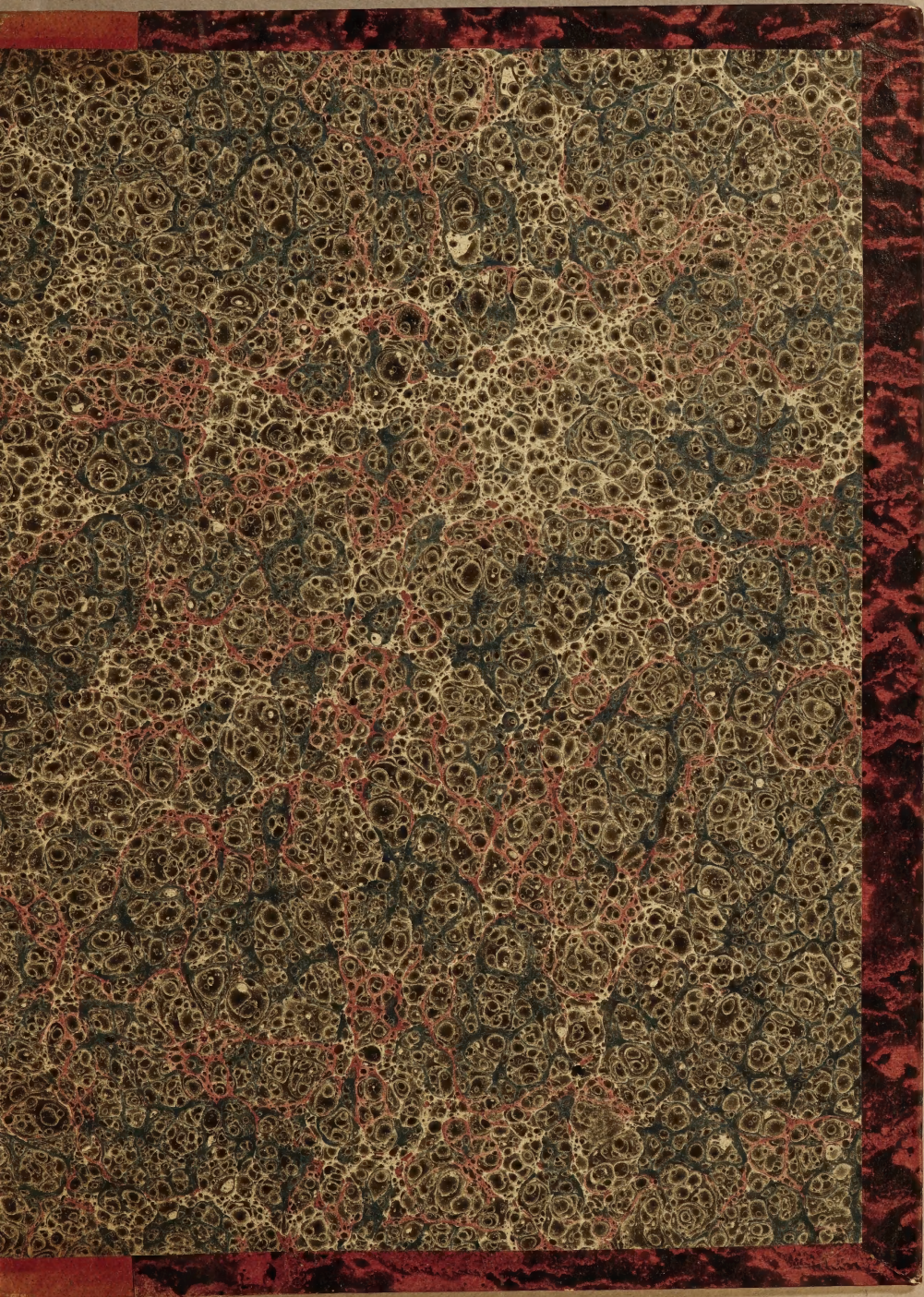


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